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SPRING CONFERENCE SPEAKERS INCLUDE SAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ann Morgan Campbell, Executive Director of the Society of American Archivists, will head the list of distinguished speakers at our Spring Conference in Atlantic City. Ms. Campbell will report to MARAC members on the recent progress and findings of the Public Documents Commission. Richard Baker, Historian of the U.S. Senate will also speak at that session. Campbell has been a member of the Commission for several years and has been instrumental in suggesting several innovative ideas contributing to its recent sucessful conclusion. This session will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning. Sessions on photograhs, automated systems for manuscripts, and arrangement of archives will be presented at the same time.

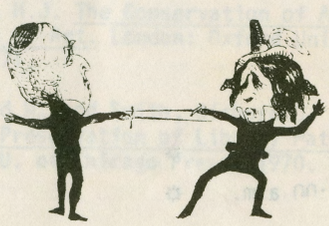
Friday's program, chaired by many MARAC members known to all of us, will also feature a newcomer, Charles Funnel of the National Park Service. Funnel will offer a luncheon address, "By the Beautiful Sea." James D. Walker, NARS' well known genealogical archivist, will speak in the afternoon about "Roots" and its manuscript resources and researchers. Other afternoon topics include appraisal, artifacts, and preservation.

Early risers are invited to a 7:00 a.m. Saturday bike ride on the boardwalk followed by breakfast and the spring Business Meeting. Both breakfast and the bikes will be available at the hotel. Larry Hackman of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission will be available to discuss grant programs with MARAC members. Meyer Fishbein is scheduled to chair a session on Archival Professional Certification: Valuable or Dangerous.

Institutional heads should be advised that new employees will again be able to take advantage of one of MARAC's founding principles, the offering of basic sessions. Two of these include Arrangement, chaired by Maygene Daniels, and Finding Aids, chaired by Ron Becker, MARAC's Steering Committee Chairman.

Ron encourages us all to stay over Sunday for a sponsored tour of the Batsto Iron Works and historic Smithville. Both sites date from New Jersey's earliest days.

FIGHT TO COME TO ATLANTIC CITY!



MARLBOROUGH-BLENHEIM SITE OF MARAC SPRING MEETING

MARAC's Spring Meeting at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel in Atlantic City will span the twilight of a former splendid era at that ocean resort and the dawning of a new exciting future heralded by the city's recent referendum to permit gambling.

The gracious two-building hotel was built in 1902 and 1906 by Josiah White III, descendant of a Pennsylvania pioneer. The White family, which owned and operated the hotel since it opened, recently sold the complex to an Atlantic City merchant and a lawyer who are seeking a gambling license.

The new owners reportedly paid $6 million for the hotel and plan to spend an additional $35 million to restore it to its turn-of-the-century style and to seek State and Federal historical landmark status. The turnover will take place next November. maa has learned that MARAC will probably be the last convention under the White family ownership.

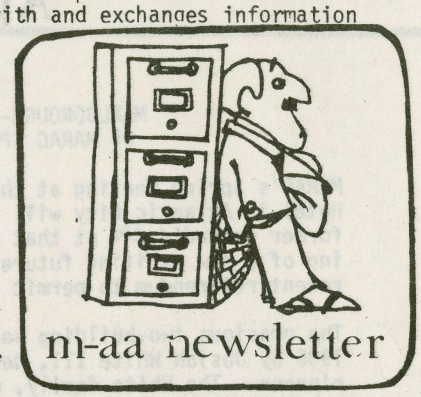
Building the Marlborough first in 1902, White introduced such innovations as a circulating ice water system with outlets in each room. But White didn't build the Blenheim, unmistakably his greatest achievement, until 1906. The Blenheim was the first completely fireproof hotel in Atlantic City and the first in which every room had a private bath with fresh and salt running water. It was the first large reinforced concrete building in the world. Thomas A. Edison, the inventor of reinforced concrete construction, personnaly came to Atlantic City to supervise the preparation of the concrete.

With its creaking wooden floors and flowered lobbies, the hotel caters to an "older clientele." Josiah White IV, one of the owners, jokingly refers to its nickname as "the home of the newly-wed and the nearly-dead." At one time, all gentlemen were required to wear dinner jackets in the lobbies after 6:00 p.m. The dress code has been relaxed over the years. Now gentlemen must wear a jacket and a tie, and ladies "dresses of the equivalent" after 6:00 p.m. Slacks and bermuda shorts are appropriate before 6:00 p.m., and swim suits are permitted only around the pool and in the poolside cafe. And by the way, tea is served in the Music Room from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., early November through May. No charge.

For MARAC members seeking strenuous exercise, the covered and heated pool will be open. There is also direct access to the beach and ocean from the pool. Bicycles are permitted on the boardwalk until 11:00 a.m. and can be rented from the hotel or nearby or bring your own. The hotel will also rent beach equipment and deck chaises.

Friends, this looks like a winner. Let's make this the biggest MARAC gathering yet.

The mid-atlantic archivist is an occasional publication of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC). MARAC membership includes all interested individuals who live and work in the seven states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. MARAC seeks to promote the professional welfare of its members, cooperates with and exchanges information among individuals interested in the preservation and use of archival research and methodology, provides a forum for matters of common concern, is a clearinghouse for and an active participant in joint ventures and cooperative projects, and cooperates with other organizations having similar objectives. Individual membership dues are $3.00 per annum. Membership is not open to institutions, but institutions may purchase subscriptions to the mid-atlantic archivist for $3.00 per annum. Write: Martha C. Slotten, MARAC Secretary, Library, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013. Items submitted for maa should be single-spaced, no indentation, in columns 4 1/2" wide, written on pica type, double-spaced between paragraphs. Send to: Donald F. Harrison, maa Editor, National Archives (NNR), Washington, D.C. 20408.



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Don Harrison, Editor
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Mary Boccaccio
Martha Ross

ARCHIVIST WINS NAS 1977
DISTINGUSIHED STAFF SERVICE AWARD

MARAC member Jean R. St. Clair, Archivist of the National Academy of Sciences, received the NAS Council Award for Distinguished Staff Service for 1977.

Jean has been a NAS employee since 1945 (except for a 1958-1961 assignment on the staff of the Food and Nutrition Board) and the NAS Archivist since 1965. Her accomplishments include a subject filing system manual, maintenance of the records of the NAS President, and organization of NAS records dating to 1863 for the 1963 Centennial and History. Ms. St. Clair has also served as a consultant for other assemblies and commissions establishing archival procedures.

Congratulations Jean!

DISPOSITION OF SENATORS' PAPERS

The Historical Office of the U.S. Senate recently polled current and recently retired Senators about their plans, if any, for the preservation of their public papers. The following MARAC area Senators were among those responding:

New York:
James Buckley - No plans
Jacob Javits - University Library (to be announced)
Irving Ives (1947-59) - Cornell
Robert F. Kennedy (1965-68) Kennedy Library
Kenneth B. Keating (1959-69) University of Rochester

New Jersey:
Clifford Case - Rutgers University
Harrison Williams - No plans
H. Alexander Smith (1944-59) Princeton University

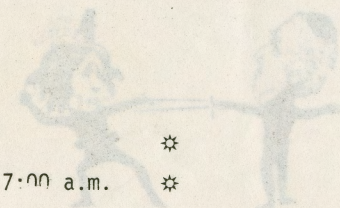
Pennsylvania:
Richard Schweiker - No plans
Hugh Scott - University of Virginia
Edward Martin (1947-59) - Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

Maryland:
J. Glenn Beall - No plans
Charles Mathias - No plans
John Marshall Butler (1951-63) personal custody
Daniel B. Brewster (1963-69) University of Maryland
Joseph D. Tydings (1965-71) personal custody

Delaware:
Joseph Biden - No plans
William Roth - No plans
J. Allen Frear, Jr. (1949-61) personal custody
John J. Williams (1947-70) personal custody
J. Caleb Boggs (1961-73) Deleware Historical Society

Virginia:
Harry Byrd - No plans
William Scott - No plans
A. Willis Robertson (1946-66) William & Mary College
William B. Spong (1966-73) University of Virginia
Harry Flood Byrd (1933-71) University of Virginia

West Virginia:
Robert Byrd - No plans
Jennings Randolph - Davis & Elkins College
Chapman Revercomb (1943-49, 1956-59) personal custody; large portion destroyed



☼ DON'T FORGET THE BICYCLE RIDE ☼
☼ ON THE BOARDWALK SATURDAY MORNING 7:00 a.m. ☼

MARAC members enjoyed M-B's facilities at its 1906 Conference in Atlantic City

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF DICKINSON COLLEGE
1783-1873

Dickinson College has microfilmed the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the College, 1783-1873. Dickinson's founding period was guided by such trustees as John Dickinson, Benjamin Rush, James Wilson, William Bingham, John Armstrong, and John Montgomery who were as important for their contributions to the creation of the new republic. The Board Minutes for 1809-1827 highlight the tenure of Thomas Cooper, Professor of Chemistry and Law, and the conflict between his supporters on the Board and the Presbyterians. Historians of early American higher education will find this microfilm and printed index an invaluable resource. The microfilm and printed index are available for $25. from:

Dickinson College Archives
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013

DIRECTORY OF CANADIAN RECORDS AND MANUSCRIPTS REPOSITORIES.

The Directory lists Canadian Archives, Libraries, Historical Societies and Museums holding records and manuscripts. It includes addresses, telephone numbers, names of heads of repositories, time of operation and a brief description of holdings.

COST

ACA Members: $3.00
Non-members: $4.00

SEND PREPAID ORDERS TO:

Valerie Cowan
ACA Treasurer
24 Edward Laurie Dr.
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 2C7

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
EXHIBIT: CANALS IN NEW JERSEY

The Specials Collections Department of the Rutgers University Library is currently featuring a fascinating exhibit illustrating the rise, decline, and fall of the once flourishing canal in New Jersey.

The exhibit, centering almost entirely on New Jersey's two principal canals: the Deleware and Raritan (closed since 1931) and the Morris Canals (closed since 1924), features old photographs, manuscripts, maps, ledgers, promotion literature, and newspaper articles about the canals. The display shows how the rise and expansion of the railroads and canals in New Jersey coincided.

The exhibit is located in the foyer and the New Jersey Room of the Alexander Library on College Avenue in New Brunswick and is open to the public Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. through May 12, 1977.

N.Y. STATE LIBRARY DUTCH
LANGUAGE MANUSCRIPT SEARCH

The New York State Library is seeking information about Dutch language manuscripts from the New Netherland period (1621-1674) in U.S. repositories. The search is being supported by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to prepare a guide to documents relating to New Netherland. The guide should provide researchers with the requisite accessibility to source material for a thorough examination of this period of American colonial history. Any information concerning the location of documents relating to New Netherland should be sent to:

Charles T. Gehring
Manuscripts & Special Collections
New York State Library
Albany, New York 12234

SPRING MEETING OF THE
MARAC STEERING COMMITTEE

Present: R. Becker, Chairman; and members: A. Lerner, S. Morris, V. Gordon, E. Hassig, B. Hearn, N. Zembala, R. Morris, P. Perkus, and D. Tanner. V. Gordon acted as secretary. Don Harrison, ex officio.

R. Becker called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. He presented the treasurer's report stating that as of April 1, the treasury totals $3,875.51. He stated that bills for non-conference expenses -- such as postage, travel expenses -- should be submitted to M. Boccaccio, treasurer.

D. Tanner followed with a report from the nominating committee. The committee is behind schedule, and is now awaiting replies from prospective candidates. However, ballots will be in the mail soon with the results to be announced at the Atlantic City business meeting. The Steering Committee recognizes that this does not meet the sixty-day requirement in the MARAC Bylaws.

D. Tanner then presented the report of the ad hoc committee on publications. He summarized the development of the Custer Publications Award. A slate of candidates for the Custer Committee will appear on the spring ballot. The Publications Committee met with members of the MARAC newsletter staff on March 25, 1977. It was agreed that an effort should be made to produce the newsletter more frequently and on a more regular basis. There will be a move away from the journal-type to the feature article of more current interest. It is hoped that broader participation from the membership will be achieved through "news from field" columns. In addition, there will be several changes in format. Don Harrison has resumed editorship, and the next issue is expected before the Atlantic City meeting.

The Steering Committee discussed the frequency of issue of the newsletter and the mailing costs. The Committee felt that is was most important that the newsletter appear on a regular set schedule. The Committee agreed that if shorter issues were necessary to meet a regular schedule, then shorter issues were acceptable. It was agreed that the newsletter staff would try for a quarterly newsletter of eight pages. Two of the issues would be conference issues leaving the other two for general topics.

The ad hoc publications committee also considered the idea of a journal publication. With the resources available and the objectives of MARAC, it was decided that a regular journal was neither feasible nor necessary. The Steering Committee concurred with the Publications Committee's conclusion.

Discussion turned to the possibility of occasional publications: their size and format, their cost, and content. The Steering Committee adopted the following resolution:

> That the ad hoc publication committee be thanked for its previous work, and that it continue as an editorial and advisory board working toward the publication of occasional papers of benefit to the MARAC membership and to the archival profession as a whole.

STAY SUNDAY AND TOUR BATSTO AND SMITHVILLE

Several members voiced concerns about the latest membership directory which is badly out of date. This led to a discussion of the problems with the membership lists. The committee agreed that another directory is needed. A membership committee will be established at the Atlantic City business meeting to deal with the problem of maintaining a correct and up-to-date roster. The committee will be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, and the person responsible for the mailing labels, and one person from the membership.

R. Becker spoke of a need for the revision of the bylaws since the division of the office of secretary-treasurer is not adequately covered, and since one of the at-large delegates has been dropped. A bylaws revision committee will be formed at the Atlantic City business meeting. This committee will submit its revisions in time for the fall meeting.

R. Becker then detailed the Atlantic City program. Information about the May 13-15 conference will be mailed the middle of April.

The final order of business concerned future conferences. E. Hassig reported on the fall conference to be held on Oct. 28-29, 1977, at Oglebay Park, West Virginia. This is a joint meeting with the Society of Ohio Archivists. Sam Suratt was appointed the Steering Committee's representative to the Oglebay Park Program Committee. The Steering Committee will investigate the possibility of chartering a bus from the east coast. A. Lerner will look into arrangements from New York and N. Zembala for the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore area. A registration form for the bus trip will appear in an issue of the newsletter.

The Steering Committee will recommend that Fredricksburg, Va., be the site of the spring 1978 meeting. The site for the fall 1978 meeting remains open although sentiment seemed to favor a joint meeting with one or several of the northern regional groups. Cities considered were Albany or West Point, N.Y. Other possibilities are Baltimore, Philadelphia, or Wilmington. R. Becker will contact the New England Archivists to see if they are interested in a joint meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vesta Lee Gordon
(acting for Martha Slotten)

ARCHITECTURAL RECORDS TO BE SAVED

The Committee for the Preservation of Architectural Records has been awarded a two-year $79,633 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to locate, identify, and make accessible architectual documents (drawings, renderings, blueprints, photographs, contracts, correspondence, specifications, etc.). For further information contact:

Catha Grace Rambusch
Committee for the Preservation
of Architectural Records
15 Gramercy Park South
New York, New York 10003

QUESTIONNAIRE ON MARAC NEWSLETTER

Yes No Do you wish to see the Newsletter continued?

If yes, which of the following types of articles/announcements do you read?

- ☐ Technical articles
- ☐ Technical notes
- ☐ Announcements of meetings in MARAC
- ☐ Announcements of meetings in other regions
- ☐ Notes from the editor
- ☐ Book notes
- ☐ Grants available/received in the region
- ☐ MARAC news
- ☐ Notes on new collections
- ☐ Scholarly articles
- ☐ Excerpts from other Archival newsletters (Regional and SAA)

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Resolution

Whereas, the Mid Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) wishes to encourage the investigation of topics of archival interest;

Whereas MARAC wishes to make the fruits of such investigation available to the public through further publication;

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Whereas there is an editorial advisory board within MARAC established to oversee such matters

Therefore, be it resolved that MARAC hereby establishes a series of occasional publications

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and whereas, we, the MARAC membership, wish to support this effort by all ~~available~~ reasonable means;

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MARAC HARRISBURG CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 29-30, 1976
FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

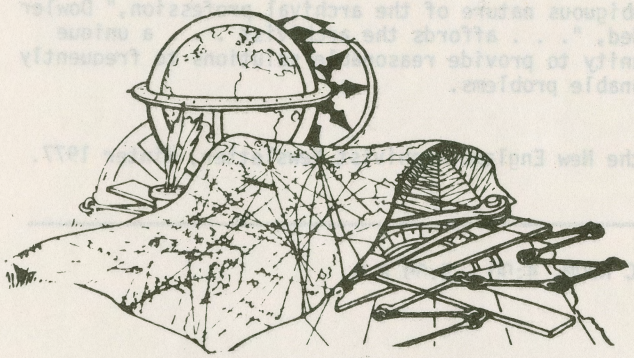
Registration (104)	$416.00
MARAC advance	100.00
Hollinger	50.00
Harrisburg luncheons (84)	411.60
Carlisle luncheons (62)	263.50
	$1241.10

Expenses:

Postage	52.00
Bus	77.60
Hospitality Room	19.05
Printing	15.00
Coffee and Danish (130)	157.30
Harrisburg luncheons (91)	471.68
Carlisle luncheons (59)	250.75
Guest luncheons (8)	39.20
Miscellaneous (electric cord, red cap etc.)	8.02
	$1090.60

Balance as of March 1, 1977 $150.50

Submitted by
Martha C. Slotten
Chairperson
Local Arrangements Committee



ARCHIVAL STUDY TOUR SCHEDULED

The International Archival Affairs Committee of the Society of American Archivists has announced its Fifth Archives Study Tour: Archives in Northwest Europe for August 1-22, 1977. The program will feature visits to public and private archival agencies, manuscript repositories, and libraries in Dublin, Edinburgh, Oslo, Amsterdam, Brussels, and London. In each city there will also be historical orientation tours and opportunities for individual visits to museums and related cultural institutions. The study tour is available to members of SAA, their families, and other persons interested in archives, manuscripts, libraries and records management activities. For further information contact:

Archives Study Tour
Society of American Archivists
PO Box 8198
Chicago, Illinois 60680

THE AAUW ARCHIVES

The American Association of University Women, a nationwide association of women college graduates, has been arranging and describing its historical records reflecting the organization, function, and activities of the Association from its beginnings in 1881 to the present.

The records have come from the Presidents' files, the Educational Center, Associates' Offices, old files, bound copies of early journals, and the Minutes of Board and Committee meetings. They trace the developing trends in the various phases of AAUW history, growth, and development beginning in Boston and on the Eastern Seaboard, extending into the South, expanding into a nationwide Association and finally becoming international.

The records also trace the initiation and development of the Fellowships Program and the Legislative Program, the establishment of a program in the arts, the contribution of outstanding women to the work of the Association, and the initiation of the "Oral History Program" to supplement the written record.

Further information about the collection can be obtained from:

Elizabeth Ten Houten
Librarian and Archivist
A.A.U.W.
2401 Virginia Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20037

GENTLEMEN, COATS AND TIES AFTER 6:00 p.m.
LADIES, DRESSES OR THE EQUIVALENT

ARCHIVAL SECURITY

The Society of American Archivists has begun an archival security consultant service as part of its comprehensive archival security program. The program is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The consultant service has been designed to assist repositories in the planning and implementation of their own security programs. Consultants have been selected for their knowledge or archival administration as well as security procedures and will provide concrete assistance in designing reading rooms, establishing staff security procedures, and in convincing the public of the seriousness of the problem.

The consultant service is run on a cost-sharing basis. The SAA Security Program will pay for the professional fees charged by consultants. Repositories will be expected to pay for consultant's travel, and room and board expenses during their two-day visits. Interested institutions should write the SAA Archival Security Program, Box 8198, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, Chicago, Illinois, 60680.

DONOR RELATIONS: MONEY, RESTRICTIONS AND LITERARY PROPERTY RIGHTS

by

Larry Dowler
(Yale University)

Dowler began by remaking "that the archivist is one whose guiding principles are in conflict, whose constituencies are frequently at war, who has custody over great treasures but whose means and resources are often poor." He went on to discuss the effect on donor relations of two primary but conflicting responsibilities of the archivist: the preservation of historical documents, and the "promotion of access to records" for "the increase and diffusion of knowledge." He urged archivists, in devising compromises between these two tasks, "no longer to play the passive role of vassal to the donor and handmaiden to the scholar," but to arbitrate actively between donors and researchers, between preservation and access.

Some specific areas in which the archivist should take and active role are: 1) in persuading donors to contribute to the costs of preservation and processing (perhaps even refusing collections if money to process them reasonably soon is lacking, for "failure to arrange and catalogue manuscripts is...a kind of restriction"); 2) in helping determine reasonable and necessary restrictions on access, arbitrating between the scholar's need to know and the right of privacy of the donor or of innocent third parties (people letters from whom, or information about whom, a collection might include); 3) in pressing for equal access to a collection for all researchers; 4) in deliberately restricting portions of a collection. Offering to do this last may expedite the giving of the papers, if it obviates the often-expressed donor's need to sort through them to remove "personal" items; it can also help prevent the destruction or weeding of other collections by potential donors who fear premature disclosure of certain information.

Dowler discussed the meaning of "privacy" and the question of whether it ends with a person's death, listed the kinds of records (case files of lawyers, legislators, social workers, et al.) which all would agree need restrictions of some sort, and argued against the views that either the donor or the researcher should have full responsibility for protecting the privacy of people represented in a collection. He suggested that guidelines be devised to promote uniformity among repositoires in setting restrictions, and that "a code of ethics for the use of personal materials" be adopted by the professional societies of historians and other interested scholars.

Archivists also have conflicting responsibilities in the area of literary rights. The new law, effective Jnauary 1, 1978, will protect published and unpublished writings for the life of the author plus 50 years, giving "exclusive rights of reproduction, display, and publication ot the owner of the literary property right." Thus, according to Dowler, "it will be nearly impossible to publish very many unpublished papers less than 100 years old," and it will be difficult or impossible to microfilm modern collections which include incoming correspondence. The vagueness of the common law was helpful: "The new law will simply be much more visible than the old one and the penalities much more certain." On the positive side, the doctrine of "fair use", which will probably become law, will sanction single photocopies for "private study, scholarship, or research," and make it possible to film a collection for deposit in another institution. Also hopeful is that "the new law limits the liability of the archivist who acts in good faith."

"The ambiguous nature of the archival profession," Dowler concluded, ". . . affords the archivist . . . a unique opportunity to provide reasonable solutions to frequently unreasonable problems.

From the New England Archivist Newsletter, Winter 1977.

REMEMBER, TEA IS SERVED FREE IN THE MUSIC ROOM, 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

THE FARMINGDALE COLLECTION
YIVO INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH RESEARCH

A collection of manuscript and audiovisual materials documentating the fifty-year history of the community of Jewish farmers in Farmingdale, New Jersey, will be deposited in the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research, New York City, in July 1977. The Farmingdale Collection spans the years since 1890. It was assembled by by Dr. Gertrude Dubrovsky of the Institute and was funded by grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission and the National Endowment for the Humanities. A brochure describing the contents of the collection can be obtained from:

The Yivo Institute for Jewish Research
1048 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10028

CASE WESTERN RESERVE WORKSHOPS
ON COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

The Case Western Reserve University Archives will conduct workshops on college and university archives June 12-17, 1977, on the campus. The Introductory Workshop is for neophyte archivists, librarians assigned to develop archival programs, or administrators concerned with records problems. The Advanced Workshop will offer in-service training for experienced archivists in selected topics.

For further information contact:

Mrs. Ruth Helmuth
University Archivist
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

SAA DIRECTORIES

A new edition of the SAA Education Directory was published late in 1976. The publication contains listings for multi-course offerings, single courses, and institutes and internships in archives. In addition, an introductory essay describes archival careers.

A project of the SAA Committee on Regional Archival Activity, A Directory of Regional Archival Organizations, is also available. Compiled by the Committee's chairperson, Alice Vestal, the compilation lists 21 regional archival groups in North America, their officers, and brief introductory information concerning their organization.

Single copies of these directories are available from the executive director's office on request.

RESEARCH TRENDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

A recently completed study which analyzed users of the National Archives over the past five years indicates that genealogy has been steadily increasing in popularity and is involving a wider spectrum of the population than it did in past years. NARS has seen an increase in the number of Native Americans, blacks, and recent generation Americans engaged in genealogical research.

Research activity in the past five years indicates a growing interest in social history and post-World War II political and strategic policies. Research studies involving blacks, women, and minorities are continuing, but they are not increasing at the rate seen in the early 1970's. Bicentennial research peaked last year and has declined rapidly. Legal research related to Indian claims, Phillipine civil service claims, and Japanese-American Social Security claims which have been a very active research field, also seems to be declining.

ARCHIVAL CONSERVATION/RESTORATION

The following bibliography on archival conservation/restoration comes from Easy Access, the Newsletter of the Northwest Archivists. Most of the items are still in print and are relatively inexpensive. The articles from Restaurator are not widely available, but contain some of the most important state-of-the-art information on restoration technology and craft.

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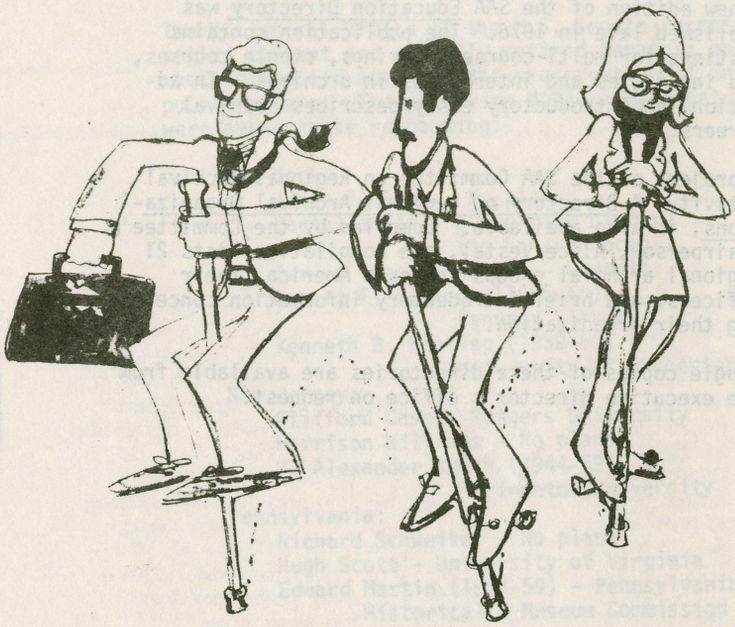

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